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## (54) METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING CONDROITIN SULFURIC ACIDS

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method for manufacturing a condroitin sulfuric acid using a raw material which is easily available and by means of comparatively easy treatments.

SOLUTION: Fish scales are uses as a raw material. They are subjected to a dissolving treatment, and than are subjected to a polypeptide removing treatment and a fractionation treatment, in this order, so as to obtain a condroitin sulfuric acid. For example, the scale dissolving treatment is carried out by allowing a protease to act on the scales in water. Next, a polypeptide formed as a by-product is removed from the solution thus formed. Then a condroitin sulfuric acid is obtained by fractional precipitation.

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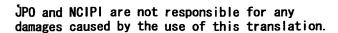
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## **CLAIMS**

## [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] UROKO of fishes — a raw material — carrying out — this — solubilization processing, polypeptide clearance processing, and judgment processing — one by one — \*\*\*\*\* — the manufacture approach of the chondroitin sulfate characterized by things.

[Claim 2] The manufacture approach of the chondroitin sulfate according to claim 1 which acquires chondroitin sulfate according to fractional precipitation after removing a byproduction polypeptide from the solubilization liquid obtained by making a protease act on UROKO of fishes, solubilizing UROKO underwater, and then doing in this way.

[Claim 3] The manufacture approach of chondroitin sulfate according to claim 1 to 2 that chondroitin sulfate is chondroitin sulfate A and chondroitin sulfate C.



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## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

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[A table 1]

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[0020] the carp in example 2 example 1 (1) — red sea bream UROKO 142g was used instead of UROKO 60g, it processed like the example 1, and 95mg of ethanol precipitate was obtained. The sugar composition for every ethanol fraction of this thing was analyzed like the example 1 (2). The result is shown in a table 2. [0021]

## [A table 2]

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成(μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	Ga1NAc	G1cNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc	
0~40	6. 1	5. 30	167. 44	26. 53	181. 04	29. 13	23. 07	0.00	
40~50	23. 3	2.40	102. 91	197. 65	264. 73	83. 68	11. 25	7. 85	
50~60	11. 7	0. 44	53. 58	25. 50	57. 11	33. 75	58. 51	55. 34	
60~70	5. 2	4. 10	4. 77	6. 66	93. 67	0.00	99. 41	29. 32	
70~	48. 7	9. 34	7. 00	0.00	226. 40	0.00	153. 95	0. 00	

[0022] the carp in example 3 example 1 (1) — ETSUUROKO 26g was used instead of UROKO 60g, it processed like the example 1, and 20.8mg of ethanol precipitate was obtained. The sugar composition for every ethanol fraction of this thing was analyzed like the example 1 (2). The result is shown in a table 3. [0023]

[A table 3]

エタノール	沈殿物収量			糖組品	<b>文 (μg/</b>	/mg)		
· 画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	GalNAc	G1cNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc
0~50	2. 4	19. 40	22. 13	87. 23	94. 63	0. 00	24. 49	0. 00
50~60	3. 4	18. 03	6. 74	2. 73	82. 91	0. 00	44. 60	0. 00
60~70	2. 6	23. 07	6. 75	3. 00	65. 98	0.00	23. 46	9. 72
· 70~	12.4	12 93	8 40	1 55	138 72	0.00	113 39	25, 76

[0024] the carp in example 4 example 1 (1) — Lateolabrax UROKO 23g was used instead of UROKO 60g, it processed like the example 1, and 11.0mg of ethanol precipitate was obtained. The sugar composition for every ethanol fraction of this thing was analyzed like the example 1 (2). The result is shown in a table 4. [0025]

## [A table 4]

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成 (μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	Ga1NAc	GlcNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc	
0~50	1. 4	4. 91	11.01	67. 92	82. 36	0.00	11. 57	0. 00	
50~60	1. 7	1. 93	131. 13	2. 63	14. 25	0. 00	15. 03	0. 00	
60~70	1. 2	6. 19	8. 14	0. 00	27. 09	0.00	18. 95	0.00	
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[0026] Although chondroitin sulfate A and chondroitin sulfate C are contained in the protease processing object of fishes UROKO as shown in a table 2 thru/or 4, chondroitin sulfate B is not contained.
[0027]

[Effect of the Invention] According to this invention, the high chondroitin sulfate A and the chondroitin sulfate C of utility value can be manufactured by easy actuation as a remedy by using as a raw material UROKO of the fishes which are one sort of fishery trash.



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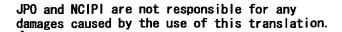
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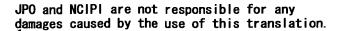
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## [A table 2]

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[0022] the carp in example 3 example 1 (1) — ETSUUROKO 26g was used instead of UROKO 60g, it processed like the example 1, and 20.8mg of ethanol precipitate was obtained. The sugar composition for every ethanol fraction of this thing was analyzed like the example 1 (2). The result is shown in a table 3.

[0023]

## [A table 3]

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成(μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)-	Fuc	Ga1	GlcUA	GalNAc	G1cNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc	
0~50	2. 4	19. 40	22. 13	87. 23	94. 63	0.00	24. 49	0.00	
50~60	3. 4	18. 03	6. 74	2. 73	82. 91	0. 00	44. 60	0.00	
60~70	2. 6	23. 07	6. 75	3.00	65. 98	0.00	23. 46	9. 72	
70~	12. 4	12. 93	8. 40	1. 55	138. 72	0. 00	113. 39	25. 76	

[0024] the carp in example 4 example 1 (1) — Lateolabrax UROKO 23g was used instead of UROKO 60g, it processed like the example 1, and 11.0mg of ethanol precipitate was obtained. The sugar composition for every ethanol fraction of this thing was analyzed like the example 1 (2). The result is shown in a table 4. [0025]

## [A table 4]

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成(μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	Ga1NAc	GlcNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc	
0~50	1. 4	4. 91	11.01	67. 92	82. 36	0.00	11. 57	0.00	
50~60	1. 7	1. 93	131. 13	2. 63	14. 25	0.00	15. 03	0.00	
60~70	1. 2	6. 19	8. 14	0.00	27. 09	0.00	18. 95	0.00	
70~	6.7	7. 62	4. 66	0.00	175. 68	0.00	112. 81	12. 59	

[0026] Although chondroitin sulfate A and chondroitin sulfate C are contained in the protease processing object of fishes UROKO as shown in a table 2 thru/or 4, chondroitin sulfate B is not contained.



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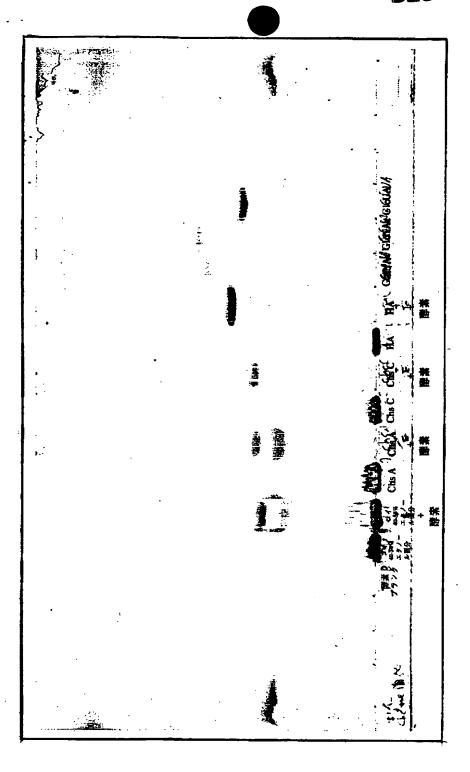
[Drawing 1] The pattern in which the result of TLC analysis of the ethanol precipitate obtained in the example 1 and each preparation is shown.

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### (54) 【発明の名称】 コンドロイチン硫酸類の製造方法

## (57)【要約】

【課題】 入手しやすい原料を用い、比較的に簡単な処 理でコンドロイチン硫酸類を製造する。

【解決手段】 魚類のウロコを原料とし、これに可溶化 処理、ポリペプチド除去処理及び分別処理を順次施と す。

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【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 魚類のウロコを原料とし、これに可溶化 処理、ポリペプチド除去処理及び分別処理を順次施とす ことを特徴とするコンドロイチン硫酸類の製造方法。

【請求項2】 水中で、魚類のウロコにプロテアーゼを作用させて、ウロコを可溶化し、次にこのようにして得られた可溶化液から副生ポリペプチドを除去したのち、分別沈殿によりコンドロイチン硫酸類を取得する請求項1記載のコンドロイチン硫酸類の製造方法。

【請求項3】 コンドロイチン硫酸類がコンドロイチン 10 硫酸A及びコンドロイチン硫酸Cである請求項1ないし 2のいずれかに記載のコンドロイチン硫酸類の製造方法。

### 【発明の詳細な説明】

#### [0001]

【発明の属する技術分野】本発明は、魚類のウロコを原料として、点眼液や神経痛、関節痛の治療薬として有用なコンドロイチン硫酸類、特にコンドロイチン硫酸A及びコンドロイチン硫酸Cを製造する方法に関するものである。

#### [0002]

【従来の技術】コンドロイチン硫酸は、動物の軟骨組織 や結合組織に広く分布している代表的なグリコサミノグ リカンの1種であって、一般式

#### 【化1】

D-グルクロン酸 N-アセチル-D-ガラクトサミン

【0003】これらのコンドロイチン硫酸類の中のコンドロイチン硫酸Aは、主としてチョウザメの脊索、クジラの鼻軟骨を、またコンドロイチン硫酸Cは、主としてサメ軟骨をそれぞれ原料として製造されているが、原料の入手が困難な上に、恒維な処理を必要とするため、大

重生産ができず、コスト高になるのを免れなかった。
【0004】

【発明が解決しようとする課題】本発明は、入手しやすい原料を用い、比較的に簡単な処理でコンドロイチン硫酸類を製造することを目的としてなされたものである。 【0005】

【課題を解決するための手段】本発明者らは、コンドロイチン硫酸の製造原料について種々検討した結果、従来未利用のまま廃棄されていた魚類のウロコの中に、コンドロイチン硫酸A及びコンドロイチン硫酸Cが含まれ、これらは比較的容易に取り出すことができることを見出し、この知見に基づいて本発明をなすに至った。

【0006】すなわち、本発明は、魚類のウロコを原料とし、これに可溶化処理、ポリペプチド除去処理及び分別処理を順次施こすことを特徴とするコンドロイチン硫酸類の製造方法を提供するものであり、この方法は、例えば水中で、魚類のウロコにプロテアーゼを作用させて、ウロコを可溶化し、次にこのようにして得られた可溶化液から副生ポリペプチドを除去したのち、分別沈殿20 によりコンドロイチン硫酸類を取得することからなっている。

#### [0007]

【発明の実施の形態】本発明方法において用いるウロコは、淡水魚、海水魚のいずれのウロコであってもよい。淡水魚のウロコとしては、例えばコイ、フナ、マス、キンギョなどのウロコを用いることができるし、海水魚のウロコとしては、例えばタイ、スズキ、サケ、ニシン、エツなどのウロコを用いることができる。これらのウロコは、単に水洗して汚れを除いたままで使用することができるが、必要ならば、あらかじめ120~130℃の温度で5~30分間加熱したものを用いることもできる

【0008】本発明方法における可溶化処理は、原料のウロコに酢酸カルシウムの希薄水溶液、好ましくはトリス塩酸で緩衝された水溶液を加え、ホモジナイズして懸濁液とし、これにプロテアーゼを加えて反応させることによって行われる。この反応は、通常30~40℃の温度において、5~40時間で完了する。この反応により、ウロコ中でコンドロイチン硫酸類と結合していたタンパク質部分が分離してポリペプチドを副生し、これはコンドロイチン硫酸類とともに水に溶解して水溶液になる。

【0009】このようにして得た水溶液は、次いで不溶 分をろ過又は遠心分離により除去したのち、ボリペプチ ド除去処理に付する。これは、上記の不溶分を除いた水 溶液をカチオン型イオン交換樹脂と接触させることにより行われる。この際、カチオン型イオン交換樹脂と接触 するに先立って、必要に応じ水溶液を濃縮し、蒸留水に 対して透析することもできる。

の入手が困難な上に、煩雑な処理を必要とするため、大 50 【0010】このようにして、コンドロイチン硫酸類を

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含む水溶液が得られるが、この水溶液から目的生成物を 分別するには、この水溶液中にエチルアルコールを加 え、濃度を段階的に上げることによって、コンドロイチ ン硫酸類を沈殿させ、各画分ごとに捕集する。

【0011】とのようにして、各画分から得られたコンドロイチン硫酸類は、信頼すべき由来の標品と対比させながら、消化酵素により加水分解し、生成する糖類を検出することにより同定された。この同定は、例えばコンドロイチナーゼを用いて各試料を加水分解し、得られた液を薄膜クロマトグラフィ(以下TLCと略す)により展開し、生成した不飽和二糖をジフェニルアミン試薬を用いて発色させ、同様に処理した標品のバンドと一致するか否かを確認することによって行われる。このようにして、本発明方法の生成物は、コンドロイチン硫酸A及びコンドロイチン硫酸Cであることが確認された。

[0012]

【実施例】次に実施例により本発明をさらに詳細に説明 する。

【0013】実施例1

#### (1) ウロコの可溶化

コイウロコ60gをよく水洗したのち、120℃で20分間加熱処理した。次いで、0.02M−酢酸カルシウムを含む0.05M−トリス塩酸緩衝液(pH7.8)300m1に加熱処理したウロコとアクチナーゼE(科研製薬製)300mgを加えて、ホモジナイザーにより\*

\*均質化し、懸濁液を調製した。次にこの懸濁液を37℃で3日間反応させ、ウロコを完全に可溶化した。このようにして得た反応液を100℃で5分間加熱してアクチナーゼEを失活させ、40分間遠心分離して(20,000rpm)不溶成分を除去したのち、遠心上清を濃縮し、濃縮物を蒸留水に対して1夜透析した。透析処理した液を、Dowex50-x8(H\*型)カラム(50×50mm)に通して上記の反応で遊離したポリペプチドを除去し、流出液を水酸化ナトリウムで中和したの5、凍結乾燥した。このようにして凍結乾燥物330m

【0014】(2)可溶化物の分別沈殿

(1)で得た凍結乾燥物330mgを0.5M-酢酸ナトリウム50mlに溶解したのち、酢酸によりpH4.5に調整し、この中にエタノールを注加し、エタノール 濃度を段階的に上げることによってコンドロイチン硫酸を沈殿させ、エタノール濃度ごとの画分として捕集した。得られた各画分に1,00℃において20時間加水分解したのち、DX-500糖分析装置(ダイオネクス社製)を用いてそれぞれの糖組成を分析した。その結果を表1

[0015]

gを得た。

【表1】

に示す。

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成(μg/mg)							
画分 (%)	(mg)	Fuc	Gal	G1cUA	Ga1NAc	G1cNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc		
0~40	5. 0	11. 15	43. 54	13. 38	47. 46	18. 23	2. 69	0. 00		
40~50	49. 0	11. 67	28. 23	129. 41	157. 37	29. 62	1.18	0.00		
50~60	4. 0	14. 01	33. 75	32. 50	64. 74	27. 76	3. 49	0.00		
60~70	6. 0	17. 50	69. 02	6. 79	60. 09	35. 09	41. 52	12. 22		
70~	70.0	3. 43	20. 47	0.00	7. 33	13. 49	39. 53	15. 63		

【0016】なお、表中の糖の略号は以下の意味をもつ。

Fuc : フルクトース Gal : ガラクトース GlcUA : グルクロン酸

GalNAc:N-アセチルガラクトサミン

GlcNAc:N・アセチルグルコサミン

NeuAc:N-アセチルノイラミン酸

NeuGc : N-グリコリルノイラミン酸

【0017】この表から分るように、40~50%エタノール画分には他の画分よりも多量のグルクロン酸及びN・アセチルガラクトサミンが含まれ、またGlcUAとGalNAcとのモル比はほぼ1:1である。また、いずれの画分からもコンドロイチン硫酸Bの構成成分であるイズロン酸は検出されなかった。

【0018】(3)同定試験

(2)で得た40~50%エタノール画分75µg及び 50 を用いた。この図1から分るように、40~50%エタ

コンドロイチン硫酸 A 標品 [生化学工業(株)製, SS Gグレード、以下ChsAと略記する]とコンドロイチ ン硫酸C標品[生化学工業(株)製、SSGグレード、 以下ChsCと略記する]の50μgずつを、それぞれ 0.025M酢酸ナトリウム緩衝液(pH5.0)10 0μ1に溶解し、コンドロイチナーゼ・アースロΙΙ [生化学工業(株)製]0.02単位を前記と同じ緩衝 液2µ1に溶かして加え、37℃で20時間反応させ た。次いで反応液にエタノール300µ1を加えて酵素 を失活させ、遠心分離により不溶分を除去した。 【0019】得られた遠心上清を濃縮後、シリカゲル6 0 T L C プレート (メルク社製) を用いて分析した。と の結果を図1に示す。この際のTLCの展開液としては 1 - ブタノール/酢酸/蒸留水(容量2/1/1)を使 用し、コンドロイチナーゼ・アースロIIの反応によっ て生成する不飽和二糖の発色にはジフェニルアミン試薬

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ノール画分から2個の不飽和二糖バンドが検出され、そ れらの移動度は標品として用いたChsA及びChsC から生成する2個の不飽和二糖のバンドとそれぞれ一致 した。

【0020】実施例2

実施例1(1)におけるコイウロコ60gの代りにマダ\*

\* イウロコ142gを用い、実施例1と同様に処理して、 エタノール沈殿物95mgを得た。このものの各エタノ ール画分ごとの糖組成を実施例1(2)と同様にして分 析した。その結果を表2に示す。

[0021]

【表2】

エタノール	沈殿物収量	糖組成(μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	Ga1NAc	GlcNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc
. 0~40	6. 1	5. 30	167. 44	26. 53	181. 04	29. 13	23. 07	0.00
40~50	23. 3	2. 40	102. 91	197. 65	264. 73	83. 68	11. 25	7.85
50~60	11. 7	0. 44	53. 58	25. 50	57. 11	33. 75	58. 51	55. 34
60~70	5. 2	4. 10	4. 77	6. 66	93. 67	0.00	99. 41	29. 32
70~	48. 7	9. 34	7. 00	0.00	226. 40	0.00	153. 95	0.00

【0022】実施例3

実施例1(1)におけるコイウロコ60gの代りにエツ ウロコ26gを用い、実施例1と同様に処理して、エタ ノール沈殿物20.8mgを得た。このものの各エタノ※

※一ル画分ごとの糖組成を実施例1 (2)と同様にして分 析した。その結果を表3に示す。

[0023]

【表3】

エタノール	沈殿物収量		/mg)	_				
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Gal	G1cUA	GalNAc	GlcNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc
0~50	2. 4	19. 40	22. 13	87. 23	94. 63	0. 00	24. 49	0. 00
50~60	3. 4	18. 03	6. 74	2. 73	82. 91	0. 00	44. 60	0.00
60~70	2. 6	23. 07	6. 75	3. 00	65. 98	0.00	23. 46	9. 72
70~	12. 4	12. 93	8, 40	1. 55	138. 72	0.00	113. 39	25. 76

【0024】実施例4

実施例1(1)におけるコイウロコ60gの代りにスズ キウロコ23gを用い、実施例1と同様に処理して、エ タノール沈殿物 1 1. 0 m g を得た。このものの各エタ★

★ノール画分ごとの糖組成を実施例1 (2) と同様にして 分析した。その結果を表4に示す。

[0025]

【表4】

エタノール	沈殿物収量		糖組成 (μg/mg)						
画分(%)	(mg)	Fuc	Ga1	G1cUA	GalNAc	GlcNAc	NeuAc	NeuGc	
0~50	1. 4	4. 91	11.01	67. 92	82. 36	0.00	11. 57	0. 00	
50~60	1. 7	1. 93	131. 13	2. 63	14. 25	0. 00	15. 03	0.00	
60~70	1. 2	6. 19	8. 14	0. 00	27. 09	0. 00	18. 95	0.00	
70~	6. 7	7. 62	4. 66	0. 00	175.68	0.00	112. 81	12. 59	

【0026】表2ないし4から分るように、魚類ウロコ のプロテアーゼ処理物中には、コンドロイチン硫酸A及 びコンドロイチン硫酸Cが含まれているが、コンドロイ チン硫酸Bは含まれていない。

[0027]

【発明の効果】本発明によると、漁業廃棄物の1種であ

る魚類のウロコを原料として、医薬として利用価値の高 いコンドロイチン硫酸A及びコンドロイチン硫酸Cを簡 単な操作で製造することができる。

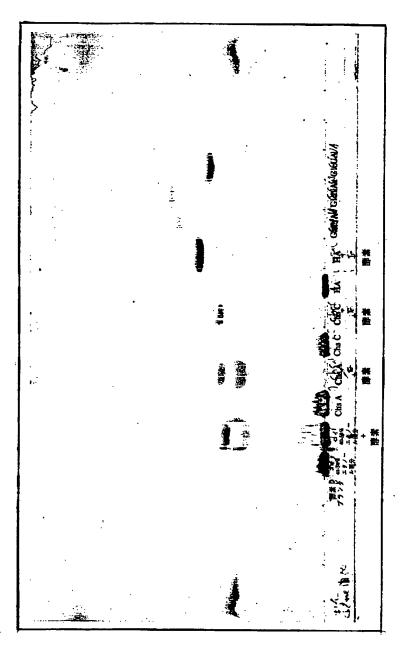
### 40 【図面の簡単な説明】

【図1】 実施例1で得たエタノール沈殿物と各標品の TLC分析の結果を示すパターン。

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[図1]



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【手続補正1】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】0002

【補正方法】変更

【補正内容】

[0002]

【従来の技術】コンドロイチン硫酸は、動物の軟骨組織や結合組織に広く分布している代表的なグリコサミノグ

リカンの 1 種であって、一般式 【化 1 】

D-グルクロン酸 N-アセチルー D-ガラクトサミン

で表わされる二糖を主要繰り返し単位  $40 \sim 100$  個が結合した構造を有し、硫酸基の数及び結合位置によって、コンドロイチン硫酸A(コンドロイチン - 4 - 硫酸、 $R^1 = SO_3$  H、 $R^2 \sim R^4 = H$ )、コンドロイチン硫酸C(コンドロイチン - 6 - 硫酸、 $R^2 = SO_3$  H、 $R^1$  ,  $R^3$  ,  $R^4 = H$ )、コンドロイチン硫酸D( $R^2$  ,  $R^3 = SO_3$  H、 $R^1$  ,  $R^4 = H$ )、コンドロイチン硫酸E( $R^1$  ,  $R^2 = SO_3$  H、 $R^3$  ,  $R^4 = H$ )、コンドロイチン硫酸K( $R^1$  ,  $R^4 = SO_3$  H、\*

\* $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  = H)、コンドロイチン硫酸B(デルマタン 硫酸、D - グルクロン酸の多くが5 - エピマー化されて L - イズロン酸となり、その $R^1$  が硫酸基になっている)に分けられている。

【手続補正2】

【補正対象書類名】明細書

【補正対象項目名】0016

【補正方法】変更

【補正内容】

【0016】なお、表中の糖の略号は以下の意味をも

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Fuc : フコース

Gal : ガラクトース Glc UA : グルクロン酸

GalNAc:N-アセチルガラクトサミン

GlcNAc:N-アセチルグルコサミン

NeuAc : N·アセチルノイラミン酸

NeuGc : N-グリコリルノイラミン酸

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